Non-Receipt of Payments for Military Equipments supplied to Nepal

†2756. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a payment of about 2.64 crore dollars for providing military equipments to the Nepalese Army has not been made to more than 20 Indian companies even after a lapse of 18 months; and

(b) If so, the action proposed to be taken by government to recover the money from the Government of Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) There are certain outstanding dues payable by the Government of Nepal on account of purchase of defence supplies from India for use by the royal Nepalese Army.

(b) The Government is fully seized of this matter. It has urged the Government of Nepal to settle outstanding dues at the earliest.

Overstaying by Foreigners

2757. SHRI DHARAMPAL SABHARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased tc state:

(a) the number of visas issued to the foreigners to visit India during the last one year;

(b) the number of cases that have been reported regarding the foreigners' overstay in the country after the expiry date endorsed in their visas; and

(c) the action taken by Government in these overstay cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI. E. AHAMMED): (a) According to available information 16,41,178 visas were issued to foreigners in 2005.

(b) As per the details available with the Foreign Regional Registration Offices and State Government, 5,26,800 foreigners overstayed in the country in 2005.

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